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Government of India.
Prime Minister's Secretariat.

No.F25/ESV/48
New Delhi, the 19-11-48

From

Dr. Gyan Chand, M.A., Ph.D.,
Officer on Special Duty,
Prime Minister Secretariat.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,
M A D R A S .

Dear Sir,

May I request you to do me the favour to send me a Monthly Report on the implementation and progress of the Revised Food Policy, recently adopted by the Government of India in consultation with the Provinces with special reference to :-

- (a) re-introduction of rationing,
- (b) price fixation of food-grains and
- (c) organization for procurement and the success achieved in the execution of the procurement policy ?

The information has to be incorporated in periodical reviews to be prepared for the Cabinet to enable them to assess the economic situation of the country as a whole from the point of view of the success of the anti-inflationary policy. This matter is urgent and, I hope, it will receive its due consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Ed. Gyan Chand.
Officer on special duty.

Food Department.

Letter No.51120B/48-3, dated 10-1-49.

To

The Officer on Special Duty,
Prime Minister's Secretariat, New Delhi.

Sir,

Sub: Food Control - Madras Province - Revised food Policy - Implementation of - Progress report of for November 1948.

Ref: Your letter No.F.25/ESV/48 dated 19-11-48.

With reference to your letter cited I am directed to send the following report for the month of November 1948.

1. Reintroduction of rationing:- In accordance with the decision of the Government of India to introduce rationing in all areas, pre-rationing enquiries were conducted in the following Municipalities in November 1948 with a view to introduce statutory rationing in those areas:

Anantapur, Guntakal, Hindupur, Tadpatri, Adoni, Bellary Hospet, Cuddapah, Proddatur, Kurnool Nandyal, Tiruchirappalli-cum-Srirangam, Karur, Chidambaram, Cuddalore, Villupuram, Udipi, Mathurai, Kodaikanal, Chingleput, Kancheepuram, Tiruvellore, Bodinayakanur, Hindigul, Palni, Periakulam, Chittoor, Tirupathi and Rasipuram.

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Similar steps were taken to introduce rationing on a non-statutory basis in the rural areas of the following districts during November 1948:

Anantapur, Bellary, Cuddapah, Kurnool, Chittoor, Salem, Vizagapatam, Tirunelveli, Coimbatore, South Arcot, Tiruchirappalli, North Arcot, Mathurai, Ramnad, Chingleput and South Kanara.

II. Fixation of prices of foodgrains:- The Government have fixed increased prices of foodgrains for the Khariff year 1948-49 with effect from 21-11-48 in the surplus districts of East Godavari West Godavari, Krishna, Guntru, Nellore and Tanjore and in the districts of South Arcot, Tiruchirappalli, Madura, South Kanara and Malabar and from 12-12-48 in the remaining districts.

III. Organisation for procurement and the success achieved in the execution of the procurement policy:-

Introductory: The scheme of intensive procurement of paddy, rice and millets was confined to the delta areas of the surplus districts and to the highly deficit districts of the Nilgiris and Malabar until 4-10-48. In accordance with the revised policy of the Government of India, the Provincial Government issuing the Madras Foodgrains (intensive procurement) Order 1948 in October 1948. The scheme was reintroduced in all the upland taluks in the surplus districts and in all the deficit districts except North Arcot, Chingleput, Ramnad, Coimbatore, Vizagapatam and Madras.

In the districts of North Arcot, Chingleput, Ramnad, Coimbatore and Vizagapatam, the scheme came into force from 15-12-48.

Organisation for procurement: The millers in the delta areas of the surplus districts are functioning as the agents for procurement of foodgrains on a competitive basis. In the upland areas of the surplus districts and in the deficit districts except Malabar, the procurement is done through the agency of the cooperative institutions and private merchants. In the Malabar district, procurement is done through the agency of 107 Producers consumers cooperative Societies. The activities of the procurement agents are controlled by the regular revenue staff and by the special staff of the Firka Supply Officers, Taluk Supply Officers and District Supply Officers sanctioned for each district.

The targets for procurement of rice and millets fixed for the Khariff year 1948-49 and the quantities of rice and millets procured from 1-11-48 to 30-11-48 in the Presidency are as follows:-

	<u>Target</u>	<u>Quantity procured</u>
Rice.	15,78,100	73,736 tons.
Millets.	1,66,250	579 tons.

The rice procured in the surplus districts during the month of November, was entirely of the short term crop. Larger quantities are expected to be procured out of the main crop which will be harvested in the months of January and February 1949.

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Food Department.

Letter No. 51120B/48-1, dated 12-1-47.

To

The Officer on Special Duty
Prime Ministers Secretariat, New Delhi.

Sir,

Sub: Food control - Madras Province - Revised food
Policy - Implementation of - Progress report for
December 1948.

Ref:- Your letter No. F25/ESV/48 dated 19-11-48.

With reference to your letter cited I am directed
to send the following report for the month of December 1948.

Reintroduction of rationing:

Rationing was introduced in the following areas
as a statutory basis from the dates specified against them.

5-12-48. Anantapur, Guntakal, Hidupur, Tadpatri,
Adoni, Bellary, Hospet, Cuddapah, Proddalor, Kurnool,
Nandyal, Udipi, Chidambaram, Cuddalore, Villupuram and Karur.

26-12-48. Trichirapalli, cum- Sri Rangam, Chingleput
Kancheepuram, and Tiruvellore.

Pre- rationing enquiries were in progress in the
following areas at the end of the month:

Mathurai, Bodinaickanur, Kodaikanal, Dindigul,
Palni, Periakulam, Rasipuram, Chittoor, and Thirupathi.

Rationing on a non-statutory basis was brought
into force on 19-12-48 in the Kasragod Taluk of South Kanara
district and on 26-12-1948 in the other taluks of that district.
Preliminary arrangements for the introduction of rationing on
a non-statutory basis in the rural areas of the remaining
fifteen deficit districts are in progress.

2. Organisation for procurement and the success
achieved in the execution of the Procurement Policy. The
intensive Procurement continues to be in force throughout
the Province. There has been no change in the manner of
procurement on control.

During the first Fortnight of December ,
30587 tons of rice and 376 tons of millets were procured
from the Province.

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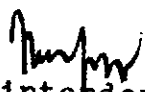
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The report for December '48 has also been sent
to the Special Officer, Prime Minister's Secretariat. No further
action is necessary in this file. The papers may be RECORDED.

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